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State Unemployment Rate Moves Lower--to 4.4 Percent in October

Minnesota's unemployment rate moved lower in October to 4.4 percent from 4.5 percent in September. This corresponds to the change in the U. S. unemployment rate which was 6.3 percent in October, down from 6.4 percent in September. A year ago the unemployment rate in Minnesota was 4.5 percent and nationally it was 6.8 percent.

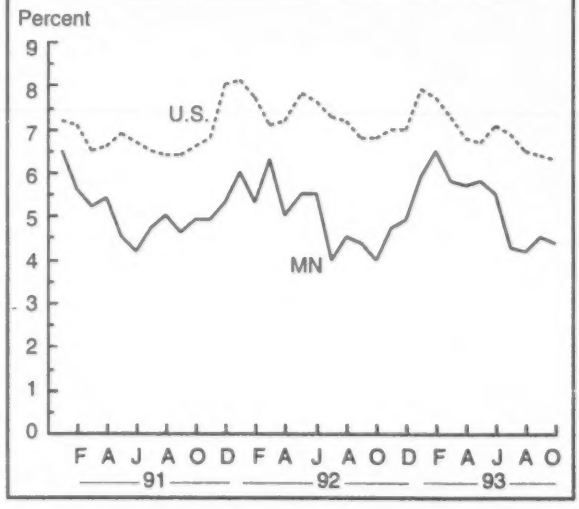
On a seasonally adjusted basis, Minnesota's unemployment rate increased from 4.9 percent in September to 5.1 percent in October, the same as a year ago. The U. S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October was 6.8 percent, up from 6.7 percent in September but down from 7.4 percent a year ago.

Minnesota continues to experience a low unemployment rate. There are some pockets of higher unemployment around the state, but most counties in the state experienced decreases from their September unemployment rates.

The Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan unemployment rate decreased to 4 percent in October from 4.3 percent in September. The Rochester metropolitan area unemployment rate rose to 4.4 percent in October, the highest rate since 1987. Among the regions, the northeast had the highest average unemployment rate at 7.4 percent and the southwest had the lowest one at 3.5 percent. October unemployment rates, by county, ranged from 2.7 percent for Blue Earth and Yellow Medicine counties to 12 percent for Itasca County.

From a separate monthly survey of employers, there was an increase of 21,800 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in October compared to September. This is 29 percent greater than the average increase over the past five years. A large part of the October increase is the typical seasonal change that occurs in private and public educational institutions, especially the colleges and universities. On a seasonally adjusted basis, Minnesota's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 0.3 percent, more than the

Monthly Unemployment Rate: U.S. and MN (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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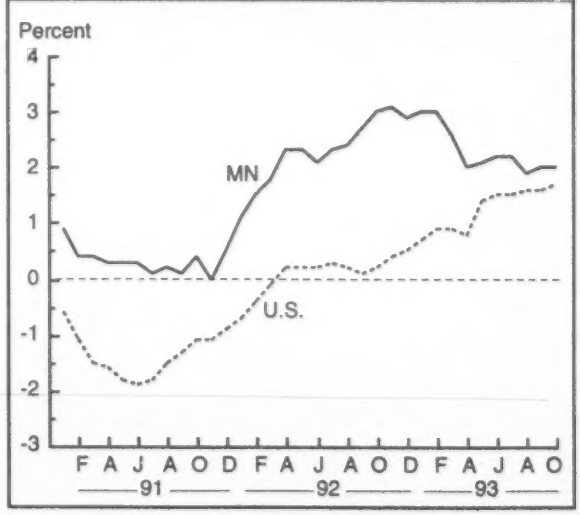
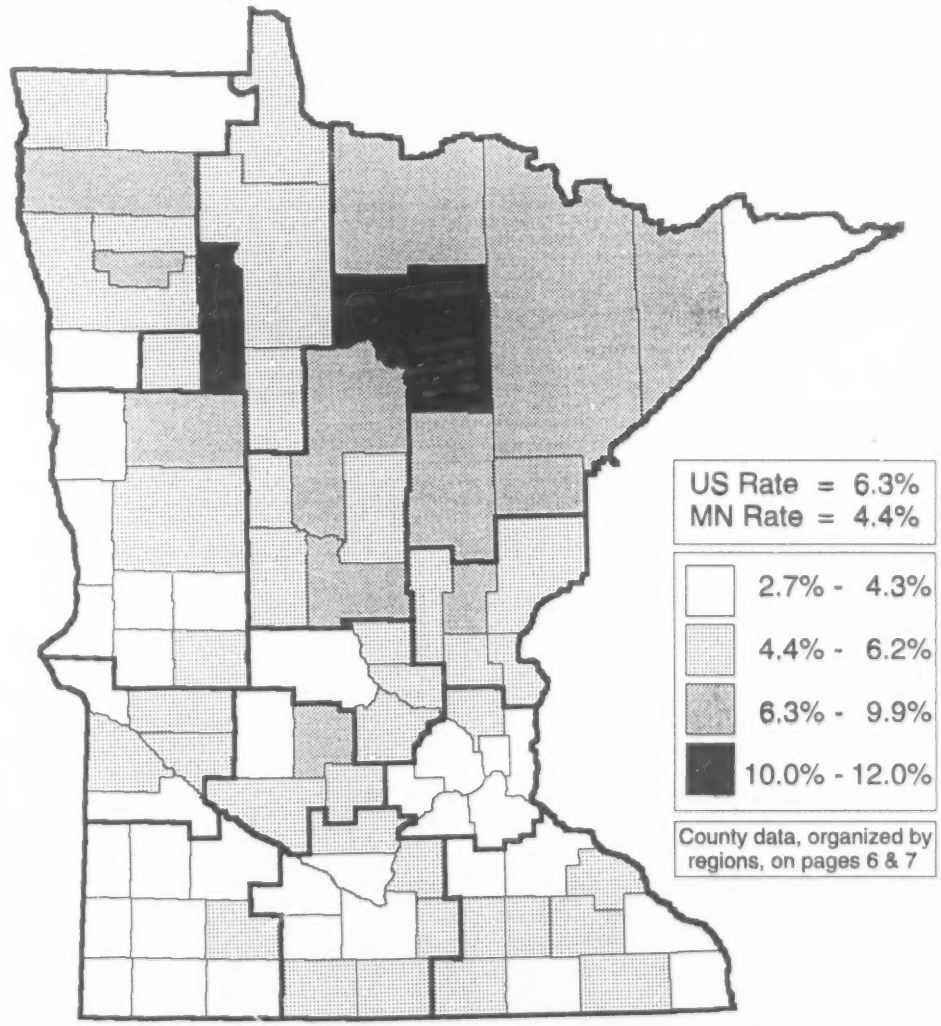


0.2 percent increase for the nation. Construction experienced an increase of 2.3 percent in seasonally adjusted employment.. The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs was up by 44,800 from a year ago, a 2 percent increase. This is greater than the October-to-October change over the last five years. Nationally, there was a 1.7 percent increase. Minnesota has outperformed the nation in half of the major industry groups. Services and finance, insurance, and real estate had increases of over 4 percent from a year ago. Business services, health services, and local government each added over 4,000 jobs. Job losses in air transportation contributed to a 1.2 percent decrease in transportation and public utilities.

Metropolitan area job growth over the past year was:

St. Cloud	Up 3,100 jobs or 3.6 percent
Minneapolis-St.Paul	Up 24,900 jobs or 1.8 percent
Rochester	Up 300 jobs or 0.5 percent
Duluth-Superior	Down 800 jobs or -0.7 percent

Minnesota Unemployment Rates by County
October 1993
(not seasonally adjusted)



Employer Survey of Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Oct 1993	Sep 1993	Oct 1992	Sep 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993	Oct 1992
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	2,281.3	2,259.5	2,236.5	1.0	2.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	498.1	501.1	495.7	-0.6	0.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	7.6	7.6	8.2	0.2	-6.8	691.86	700.22	43.9	44.6	15.76	15.70
Metal Mining	5.5	5.5	6.2	0.4	-10.9	689.42	698.80	42.4	42.3	16.26	16.52
Construction	88.6	88.7	86.0	-0.1	3.0	741.19	713.47	41.2	40.7	17.99	17.53
Manufacturing	401.9	404.9	401.5	-0.7	0.1	512.93	494.36	41.6	[illegible]	12.33	11.97
Durable Goods	224.7	225.3	226.2	-0.3	-0.7	532.99	504.70	42.1	[illegible]	12.66	12.25
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	23.3	24.0	23.2	-2.9	0.5	568.63	510.07	40.3	38.7	14.11	13.18
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	8.3	8.4	8.3	-1.4	-0.2	628.79	567.26	47.1	45.2	13.35	12.55
Primary Metals	6.1	6.1	6.0	0.9	2.6	563.60	552.12	42.6	43.0	13.23	12.84
Fabricated Metals	30.6	30.6	32.2	0.0	-5.0	595.85	558.18	42.5	42.0	14.02	13.29
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	73.1	73.1	72.6	0.0	0.7	580.46	560.77	42.4	41.6	13.69	13.48
Computer and Office Equipment	29.9	29.8	30.8	0.3	-2.9	693.08	650.16	43.7	43.2	15.86	15.05
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	30.3	30.5	30.6	-0.6	-1.1	426.01	401.47	41.4	40.8	10.29	9.84
Transportation Equipment	12.0	12.1	11.7	-0.4	2.9	511.49	487.62	43.2	40.1	11.84	12.16
Instruments and Related Products	32.7	33.0	34.3	-0.9	-4.7	465.51	450.69	41.9	41.5	11.11	10.86
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	8.3	7.6	7.4	9.2	12.0	420.95	420.09	39.9	40.2	10.55	10.45
Nondurable Goods	177.2	179.5	175.3	-1.3	1.1	490.73	482.65	41.1	41.5	11.94	11.63
Food and Beverage Products	53.7	56.3	53.2	-4.7	0.9	441.42	433.73	42.0	43.2	10.51	10.04
Textile Mill Products and Apparel	5.2	5.1	5.0	1.7	4.5	339.86	326.73	39.2	39.7	8.67	8.23
Paper and Allied Products	33.1	33.4	33.2	-0.8	-0.4	622.24	612.68	42.1	42.4	14.78	14.45
Printing and Publishing	53.4	52.9	52.8	0.9	1.0	474.14	466.76	38.8	38.8	12.22	12.03
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	12.7	12.9	12.7	-1.3	-0.3	666.40	652.62	42.8	43.8	15.57	14.90
Rubber, Plastics and Leather Products	19.2	19.0	18.3	1.1	4.8	457.63	435.51	42.1	40.4	10.87	10.78
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,783.2	1,758.4	1,740.8	1.4	2.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	109.5	109.0	110.7	0.4	-1.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	75.1	74.4	76.1	0.9	-1.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	28.1	28.1	27.5	-0.1	2.0	430.40	422.45	37.2	35.0	11.57	12.07
Communications and Utilities	34.4	34.6	34.7	-0.7	-0.9	636.34	632.84	38.3	36.9	17.92	17.15
Trade	541.6	542.0	535.7	-0.1	1.1	277.11	265.06	29.2	29.0	9.49	9.14
Wholesale Trade	134.5	135.3	132.4	-0.6	1.6	484.45	450.72	39.1	38.1	12.39	11.83
Retail Trade	407.1	406.7	403.3	0.1	1.0	214.32	209.61	26.2	26.3	8.18	7.97
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	17.1	17.2	18.1	-0.9	-5.5	374.76	354.32	34.7	34.3	10.80	10.33
General Merchandise Stores	58.9	56.7	59.3	3.8	-0.6	220.77	207.51	27.7	26.3	7.97	7.89
Food Stores	55.1	55.1	55.7	0.0	-1.1	252.50	256.08	27.9	29.2	9.05	8.77
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	44.4	44.5	43.4	-0.4	2.3	343.28	331.47	35.1	34.6	9.78	9.58
Apparel and Accessories Stores	20.1	19.6	19.3	2.7	4.2	152.22	140.29	23.6	22.7	6.45	6.18
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	16.1	15.7	14.8	1.9	8.3	309.46	287.91	30.7	31.5	10.08	9.14
Eating and Drinking Places	138.5	141.9	137.1	-2.4	1.0	130.33	130.00	20.3	20.8	6.42	6.25
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	136.7	136.8	130.5	0.0	4.8						
Finance	61.5	61.3	58.2	0.3	5.7						
Insurance	51.6	51.5	49.6	0.3	4.1						
Real Estate	23.6	24.0	22.7	-1.7	3.9						
Services	633.7	632.5	608.7	0.2	4.1						
Personal Services	24.7	24.5	24.5	0.9	0.8						
Business Service	117.4	119.1	110.5	-1.4	6.3						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	23.7	23.6	23.1	0.3	2.7						
Health Services	185.3	185.7	180.1	-0.2	2.9						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	46.9	47.1	46.4	-0.4	1.2						
Hospitals	56.6	56.7	56.5	-0.3	0.1						
Legal Services	16.1	16.2	16.1	-0.5	0.3						
Private Educational Services	35.9	29.8	35.1	20.2	2.4						
Government	361.7	338.1	355.2	7.0	1.8						
Federal Government	34.3	34.6	34.0	-0.6	1.1						
State Government	86.6	78.0	86.3	11.0	0.3						
State Government Education	49.2	40.4	49.2	21.8	0.0						
Local Government	240.8	225.6	234.9	6.7	2.5						
Local Government Education	130.2	112.7	126.7	15.5	2.8						

Note: Not all industry sub-groups are shown for every major industry category.

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Employer Survey of Twin Cities Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Oct 1993	Sep 1993	Oct 1992	Sep 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993	Oct 1992
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	1,448.2	1,434.0	1,423.2	1.0	1.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	309.2	310.0	311.7	-0.3	-0.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.0	-26.5	933.86	932.79	49.7	51.0	18.79	18.29
Construction	51.1	51.3	50.7	-0.4	0.9	799.47	755.02	40.5	39.1	19.74	19.31
Manufacturing	257.6	258.3	260.5	-0.2	-1.1	550.99	527.36	41.9	41.2	13.15	12.80
Durable Goods	148.1	148.7	152.2	-0.4	-2.7	573.40	540.62	42.6	41.3	13.46	13.09
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	9.2	9.8	8.9	-5.6	3.3	638.38	573.04	40.2	37.7	15.88	15.20
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	2.9	2.9	3.0	-0.4	-3.4	766.75	643.87	48.9	44.9	15.68	14.34
Primary Metals	4.3	4.2	4.2	1.1	1.2	558.25	561.59	42.1	43.5	13.26	12.91
Fabricated Metals	22.5	22.5	24.1	-0.2	-6.8	637.93	596.14	42.5	42.4	15.01	14.06
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	49.1	49.4	50.7	-0.7	-3.1	609.33	579.33	42.7	41.0	14.27	14.13
Computer and Office Equipment	18.6	18.7	20.1	-0.6	-7.6	721.93	649.71	43.1	39.4	16.75	16.49
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	18.7	18.7	18.8	-0.1	-0.6	459.89	409.77	42.9	39.9	10.72	10.27
Transportation Equipment	5.7	5.7	5.8	0.6	-1.8	643.92	671.93	42.7	42.5	15.08	15.81
Instruments and Related Products	30.3	30.4	31.6	-0.7	-4.4	498.74	475.86	42.7	42.0	11.68	11.33
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	5.6	5.1	5.1	10.3	8.6	506.10	484.70	42.0	40.8	12.05	11.88
Nondurable Goods	109.5	109.6	108.2	-0.1	1.2	521.07	510.47	40.9	41.2	12.74	12.39
Food and Beverage Products	18.6	19.0	18.8	-2.1	-1.1	541.32	520.34	44.7	43.8	12.11	11.88
Paper and Allied Products	25.8	26.0	26.2	-0.6	-1.5	550.94	540.13	40.6	41.2	13.57	13.11
Printing and Publishing	38.4	38.1	37.1	0.9	3.5	484.11	476.91	38.3	38.9	12.64	12.26
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	11.1	11.3	11.2	-1.3	-0.8	718.96	688.87	44.0	44.3	16.34	15.55
Rubber and Misc Plastics Products	12.4	12.2	11.9	1.7	4.3	467.71	450.55	41.5	40.7	11.27	11.07
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,139.0	1,124.0	1,111.5	1.3	2.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	75.6	75.3	77.6	0.4	-2.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	54.5	54.0	56.3	0.9	-3.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	17.3	17.3	17.4	0.0	-0.2	391.73	379.61	31.9	29.0	12.28	13.09
Communications and Utilities	21.1	21.3	21.3	-0.9	-1.2	634.75	625.17	35.6	36.2	17.83	17.27
Trade	341.1	340.1	338.0	0.3	0.9	309.47	292.58	29.7	29.2	10.42	10.02
Wholesale Trade	87.0	87.5	87.1	-0.6	-0.1	533.11	496.31	38.8	37.8	13.74	13.13
Retail Trade	254.1	252.6	250.9	0.6	1.3	238.79	228.70	26.8	26.5	8.91	8.63
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	9.3	9.4	10.1	-1.0	-7.6	440.50	408.60	34.2	32.3	12.88	12.65
General Merchandise Stores	40.1	38.3	39.9	4.5	0.5	244.13	237.40	27.9	27.1	8.75	8.76
Food Stores	30.0	29.8	30.1	0.4	-0.4	284.38	280.02	29.5	29.6	9.64	9.46
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	25.0	24.9	24.7	0.5	1.2	411.79	371.28	37.3	36.4	11.04	10.20
Apparel and Accessories Stores	13.8	13.5	12.8	2.3	7.9	150.05	134.76	23.3	21.7	6.44	6.21
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	11.4	11.2	10.6	2.2	7.8	370.27	321.54	30.4	31.4	12.18	10.24
Eating and Drinking Places	87.5	89.4	87.3	-2.1	0.3	151.58	149.60	21.2	21.1	7.15	7.09
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	106.7	106.6	101.6	0.0	5.0						
Finance	45.3	45.1	42.3	0.5	7.1						
Insurance	43.1	42.9	41.5	0.5	4.0						
Real Estate	18.3	18.7	17.8	-2.2	2.4						
Services	417.1	415.1	399.9	0.5	4.3						
Personal Services	17.1	16.9	16.8	1.2	1.3						
Business Services	98.9	98.8	91.9	0.1	7.6						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	17.1	17.2	16.8	-0.2	1.7						
Health Services	106.8	106.2	103.2	0.6	3.5						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	24.5	24.5	24.4	0.2	0.4						
Hospitals	34.6	34.5	34.3	0.2	1.0						
Legal Services	13.0	13.1	12.9	-0.1	1.1						
Private Educational Services	19.7	17.0	19.4	15.9	1.6						
Government	198.6	186.9	194.5	6.3	2.1						
Federal Government	21.5	21.5	21.4	-0.1	0.4						
State Government	55.3	49.2	54.7	12.4	1.0						
State Government Education	31.4	25.2	31.0	24.4	1.4						
Local Government	121.8	116.1	118.4	4.9	2.9						
Local Government Education	67.0	60.1	65.2	11.5	2.6						

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Employer Survey of St. Cloud MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Oct 1993	Sep 1993	Oct 1992	Sep 1993	Oct 1992
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	90,498	88,851	87,390	1.9	3.6
Goods Producing	19,987	20,028	19,717	-0.2	1.4
Construction and Mining	4,423	4,395	4,275	0.6	3.5
Manufacturing	15,564	15,633	15,442	-0.4	0.8
Durable Goods	8,642	8,746	8,700	-1.2	-0.7
Nondurable Goods	6,922	6,887	6,742	0.5	2.7
Service Producing	70,511	68,823	67,673	2.5	4.2
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	4,302	4,296	4,184	0.1	2.8
Trade	26,745	26,458	25,465	1.1	5.0
Wholesale Trade	4,733	4,683	4,261	1.1	11.1
Retail Trade	22,012	21,775	21,204	1.1	3.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,843	2,847	2,705	-0.1	5.1
Services	21,169	20,935	20,511	1.1	3.2
Health Services	6,183	6,260	6,367	-1.2	-2.9
Other Services	14,986	14,675	14,144	2.1	6.0
Government	15,452	14,287	14,808	8.2	4.3

Employer Survey of Rochester MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Oct 1993	Sep 1993	Oct 1992	Sep 1993	Oct 1992
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	69,619	69,649	69,307	0.0	0.5
Goods Producing	14,171	14,439	14,852	-1.9	-4.6
Construction and Mining	2,451	2,465	2,596	-0.6	-5.6
Manufacturing	11,720	11,974	12,256	-2.1	-4.4
Durable Goods	9,319	9,530	9,828	-2.2	-5.2
Nondurable Goods	2,401	2,444	2,428	-1.8	-1.1
Service Producing	55,448	55,210	54,455	0.4	1.8
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,154	2,178	2,167	-1.1	-0.6
Trade	14,203	14,029	14,053	1.2	1.1
Wholesale Trade	2,085	2,126	2,038	-1.9	2.3
Retail Trade	12,118	11,903	12,015	1.8	0.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1,882	1,915	1,801	-1.7	4.5
Services	30,059	30,281	29,398	-0.7	2.2
Health Services	19,901	20,217	19,446	-1.6	2.3
Other Services	10,158	10,064	9,952	0.9	2.1
Government	7,150	6,807	7,036	5.0	1.6

Minnesota Continues To Grow New Jobs

- **Minnesota's** annual growth rate in new jobs held steady at 2 percent (44,900 jobs), good for a ranking of eleventh among all states in annual job growth rate for October 1993. The nation grew by 1.7 percent in total nonfarm jobs during the same time period.
- The **Twin Cities** added 24,900 jobs since October 1992, a growth rate of 1.8 percent. The strongest gains were in services (17,300 jobs), finance, insurance and real estate (5,100 jobs), and government (4,000 jobs).
- **St. Cloud**, with 3.6 percent annual growth continues to be the "hotspot" for job growth in Minnesota. St. Cloud consistently ranks in the top twenty metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in the nation for annual job growth.
- Even with a 4.4 percent loss in manufacturing jobs from a year ago, the overall picture in **Rochester** still shows positive growth (0.5 percent) since October 1992. Strong gains in the service producing sector neutralized the loss in manufacturing.

Employer Survey of Duluth and Duluth-Superior MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Duluth					Duluth-Superior MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Oct 1993	Sep 1993	Oct 1992	Sep 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993	Sep 1993	Oct 1992	Sep 1993	Oct 1992
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	51,918	50,871	52,107	2.1	-0.4	102,286	100,920	103,043	1.4	-0.7
Goods Producing	5,402	5,413	5,743	-0.2	-5.9	17,691	17,659	18,275	0.2	-3.2
Mining	—	Combined with construction		—		5,511	5,488	5,204	0.4	5.9
Construction	1,685	1,700	1,913	-0.9	-11.9	3,729	3,741	4,542	-0.3	-17.9
Manufacturing	3,717	3,713	3,830	0.1	-3.0	8,451	8,430	8,529	0.2	-0.9
Durable Goods	1,511	1,510	1,586	-0.5	-4.7	4,670	4,666	4,702	0.1	-0.7
Nondurable Goods	2,206	2,194	2,244	0.5	-1.7	3,781	3,764	3,827	0.5	-1.2
Service Producing	46,516	45,458	46,364	2.3	0.3	84,595	83,261	84,768	1.6	-0.2
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,867	2,872	3,127	-0.2	-8.3	5,711	5,720	6,018	-0.2	-5.1
Trade	12,654	12,837	12,717	-1.4	-0.5	26,165	26,149	26,335	0.1	-0.6
Wholesale Trade	2,112	2,118	2,197	-0.3	-3.9	4,264	4,274	4,265	-0.2	0.0
Retail Trade	10,542	10,719	10,520	-1.7	0.2	21,901	21,875	22,070	0.1	-0.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,275	2,322	2,222	-2.0	2.4	3,409	3,446	3,483	-1.1	-2.1
Services	16,550	16,336	16,295	1.3	1.6	27,580	27,329	27,313	0.9	1.0
Health Services	6,891	6,876	6,690	0.2	3.0	11,110	11,057	10,900	0.5	1.9
Other Services	9,659	9,460	9,605	2.1	0.6	16,470	16,272	16,413	1.2	0.3
Government	12,170	11,091	12,003	9.7	1.4	21,730	20,617	21,619	5.4	0.5

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United States ('000s)												
(Seasonally adjusted)	128,714	127,975	127,066	119,928	119,457	117,687	8,786	8,517	9,379	6.8	6.7	7.4
(Unadjusted)	128,547	127,858	126,846	120,446	119,730	118,246	8,101	8,128	8,600	6.3	6.4	6.8
Minnesota												
(Seasonally adjusted)	2,461,566	2,491,382	2,443,866	2,336,500	2,369,374	2,319,269	125,066	122,008	124,597	5.1	4.9	5.1
(Unadjusted)	2,476,637	2,483,730	2,462,790	2,367,174	2,370,849	2,351,347	109,463	112,881	111,443	4.4	4.5	4.5
Metropolitan Statistical Areas												
Mpls.-St. Paul MSA	1,444,244	1,446,721	1,442,806	1,386,181	1,384,875	1,381,127	58,063	61,846	61,679	4.0	4.3	4.3
Duluth-Superior MSA	115,622	114,686	117,276	108,012	107,346	110,105	7,610	7,340	7,171	6.6	6.4	6.1
St. Cloud MSA	110,775	110,094	109,059	105,836	104,685	103,700	4,939	5,409	5,359	4.5	4.9	4.9
Rochester MSA	67,456	67,399	66,868	64,519	65,113	64,943	2,937	2,286	1,925	4.4	3.4	2.9
Region 1	44,766	44,198	45,313	42,623	41,901	42,917	2,143	2,297	2,396	4.8	5.2	5.3
Kittson	2,467	2,552	2,597	2,347	2,395	2,449	120	157	148	4.9	6.2	5.7
Marshall	4,930	4,836	4,769	4,550	4,441	4,385	380	395	384	7.7	8.2	8.1
Norman	3,572	3,446	3,594	3,435	3,305	3,419	137	141	175	3.8	4.1	4.9
Pennington	7,405	7,522	7,450	7,037	7,119	7,061	368	403	389	5.0	5.4	5.2
Polk	15,705	15,171	15,946	15,012	14,456	15,155	693	715	791	4.4	4.7	5.0
Red Lake	1,615	1,631	1,642	1,482	1,480	1,445	133	151	197	8.2	9.3	12.0
Roseau	9,072	9,040	9,315	8,760	8,705	9,003	312	335	312	3.4	3.7	3.3
Region 2	37,440	37,328	36,186	35,285	35,257	34,111	2,155	2,071	2,075	5.8	5.5	5.7
Beltrami	19,022	18,359	18,602	18,106	17,418	17,707	916	941	895	4.8	5.1	4.8
Clearwater	3,644	3,774	3,576	3,239	3,381	3,225	405	393	351	11.1	10.4	9.8
Hubbard	8,658	9,073	8,444	8,119	8,597	7,902	539	476	542	6.2	5.2	6.4
Lake of the Woods	2,120	2,192	2,260	2,013	2,118	2,147	107	74	113	5.0	3.4	5.0
Mahnomen	3,996	3,930	3,304	3,808	3,743	3,130	188	187	174	4.7	4.8	5.3
Region 3	152,528	152,754	153,330	141,234	142,328	142,716	11,294	10,426	10,614	7.4	6.8	6.9
Aitkin	6,207	6,122	5,767	5,721	5,616	5,301	486	506	466	7.8	8.3	8.1
Carlton	14,291	14,445	14,323	13,336	13,478	13,329	955	967	994	6.7	6.7	6.9
Cook	3,645	3,920	3,614	3,525	3,828	3,517	120	92	97	3.3	2.3	2.7
Itasca	19,468	19,746	19,033	17,130	17,855	17,384	2,338	1,891	1,649	12.0	9.6	8.7
Koochiching	8,817	9,197	8,870	8,147	8,533	8,174	670	664	696	7.6	7.2	7.8
Lake	4,955	4,991	4,793	4,617	4,646	4,402	338	345	391	6.8	6.9	8.2
St. Louis	95,145	94,333	95,930	88,758	88,372	90,609	6,387	5,961	6,321	6.7	6.3	6.5
City of Duluth	41,755	41,823	42,972	39,566	39,394	40,391	2,189	2,429	2,581	5.2	5.8	6.0
Bal of St. Louis Cnty	53,390	52,510	53,958	49,192	48,978	50,218	4,198	3,532	3,740	7.9	6.7	6.9
Region 4	102,071	103,222	102,782	97,461	98,647	98,121	4,610	4,575	4,661	4.5	4.4	4.5
Becker	13,247	13,661	13,607	12,176	12,629	12,398	1,071	1,032	1,209	8.1	7.6	8.9
Clay	27,358	27,172	27,280	26,405	26,199	26,520	953	973	760	3.5	3.6	2.8
Douglas	16,535	17,022	16,314	15,826	16,366	15,571	709	656	743	4.3	3.9	4.6
Grant	3,127	3,138	2,981	3,005	2,973	2,860	122	165	121	3.9	5.3	4.1
Otter Tail	25,837	26,391	26,610	24,675	25,201	25,348	1,162	1,190	1,262	4.5	4.5	4.7
Pope	5,000	5,172	4,948	4,767	4,919	4,727	233	253	221	4.7	4.9	4.5
Stevens	5,413	5,223	5,547	5,260	5,101	5,370	153	122	177	2.8	2.3	3.2
Traverse	1,905	1,919	2,042	1,846	1,843	1,962	59	76	80	3.1	4.0	3.9
Wilkin	3,649	3,524	3,453	3,501	3,416	3,365	148	108	88	4.1	3.1	2.5
Region 5	68,932	69,315	66,786	64,885	65,158	62,583	4,047	4,157	4,203	5.9	6.0	6.3
Cass	11,455	11,259	10,059	10,683	10,484	9,294	772	775	765	6.7	6.9	7.6
Crow Wing	26,130	26,720	25,416	24,713	25,313	23,953	1,417	1,407	1,463	5.4	5.3	5.8
Morrison	15,175	15,234	15,464	14,196	14,202	14,364	979	1,032	1,100	6.5	6.8	7.1
Todd	10,978	10,941	10,795	10,374	10,293	10,227	604	648	568	5.5	5.9	5.3
Wadena	5,194	5,161	5,052	4,919	4,866	4,745	275	295	307	5.3	5.7	6.1
Region 6E	59,875	60,582	60,242	57,046	57,495	57,551	2,829	3,087	2,691	4.7	5.1	4.5
Kandiyohi	22,067	22,197	21,334	21,282	21,284	20,547	785	913	787	3.6	4.1	3.7
McLeod	19,485	19,427	19,026	18,473	18,405	18,158	1,012	1,022	868	5.2	5.3	4.6
Meeker	8,260	8,423	8,416	7,671	7,813	7,782	589	610	634	7.1	7.2	7.5
Renville	10,063	10,535	11,466	9,620	9,993	11,064	443	542	402	4.4	5.1	3.5
Region 6W	25,490	25,254	24,658	24,439	24,281	23,743	1,051	973	915	4.1	3.9	3.7
Big Stone	2,732	2,729	2,847	2,619	2,611	2,747	113	118	100	4.1	4.3	3.5
Chippewa	6,864	6,763	6,829	6,546	6,470	6,566	318	293	263	4.6	4.3	3.9
Lac Qui Parle	3,945	3,859	4,053	3,746	3,723	3,923	199	136	130	5.0	3.5	3.2
Swift	5,169	5,078	4,970	4,931	4,867	4,742	238	211	228	4.6	4.2	4.6
Yellow Medicine	6,780	6,825	5,959	6,597	6,610	5,765	183	215	194	2.7	3.2	3.3

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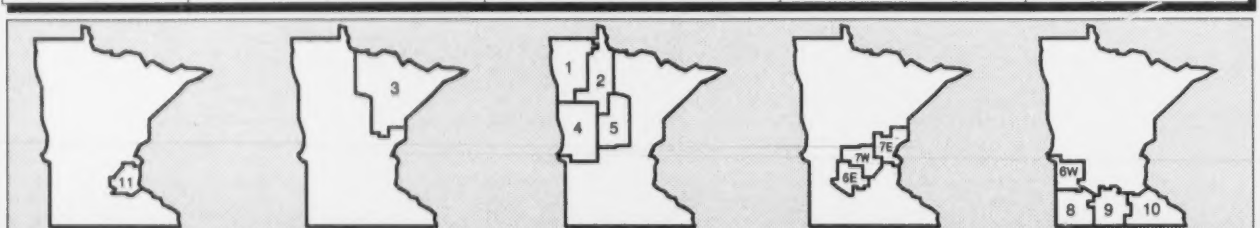
Region 7E	62,372	62,791	58,435	58,921	59,148	55,167	3,451	3,643	3,268	5.5	5.8	5.6
Chisago	15,547	15,640	15,483	14,765	14,754	14,714	782	886	769	5.0	5.7	5.0
Isanti	13,326	13,340	13,272	12,578	12,568	12,534	748	772	738	5.6	5.8	5.6
Kanabec	6,311	6,442	6,071	5,764	5,840	5,631	547	602	440	8.7	9.3	7.2
Mille Lacs	13,537	13,604	11,446	12,891	12,958	10,867	646	646	579	4.8	4.7	5.1
Pine	13,651	13,765	12,163	12,923	13,028	11,421	728	737	742	5.3	5.4	6.1
Region 7W	148,447	147,827	146,431	141,832	140,655	139,570	6,615	7,172	6,861	4.5	4.9	4.7
Benton	17,743	17,603	17,516	16,888	16,704	16,547	855	899	969	4.8	5.1	5.5
Sherburne	24,615	24,567	24,286	23,400	23,145	22,927	1,215	1,422	1,359	4.9	5.8	5.6
Stearns	68,417	67,924	67,256	65,548	64,836	64,225	2,869	3,088	3,031	4.2	4.5	4.5
Wright	37,672	37,733	37,373	35,996	35,970	35,871	1,676	1,763	1,502	4.4	4.7	4.0
Region 8	65,095	65,508	64,049	62,830	63,280	61,717	2,265	2,228	2,332	3.5	3.4	3.6
Cottonwood	6,787	6,775	6,511	6,412	6,496	6,228	375	279	283	5.5	4.1	4.3
Jackson	5,589	5,588	5,520	5,378	5,341	5,339	211	247	181	3.8	4.4	3.3
Lincoln	2,984	3,043	3,207	2,881	2,949	3,063	103	94	144	3.5	3.1	4.5
Lyon	14,921	15,015	13,960	14,509	14,517	13,573	412	498	387	2.8	3.3	2.8
Murray	4,662	4,779	4,842	4,509	4,632	4,650	153	147	192	3.3	3.1	4.0
Nobles	12,230	12,303	11,835	11,877	11,982	11,563	353	321	272	2.9	2.6	2.3
Pipestone	5,330	5,461	5,451	5,153	5,242	4,971	177	219	480	3.3	4.0	8.8
Redwood	8,004	7,878	7,996	7,686	7,567	7,729	318	311	267	4.0	3.9	3.3
Rock	4,588	4,666	4,727	4,425	4,554	4,601	163	112	126	3.6	2.4	2.7
Region 9	116,797	118,945	117,119	112,125	113,883	112,383	4,672	5,062	4,736	4.0	4.3	4.0
Blue Earth	30,975	30,766	31,302	30,126	29,886	30,257	849	880	1,045	2.7	2.9	3.3
Brown	14,627	14,899	14,524	14,071	14,329	13,965	556	570	559	3.8	3.8	3.8
Faribault	8,182	9,202	8,227	7,785	8,791	7,878	397	411	349	4.9	4.5	4.2
Le Sueur	12,450	12,911	12,486	11,770	12,208	11,743	680	703	743	5.5	5.4	6.0
Martin	11,547	11,422	11,819	10,873	10,681	11,308	674	741	511	5.8	6.5	4.3
Nicollet	16,475	16,480	16,578	15,990	15,863	16,060	485	617	518	2.9	3.7	3.1
Sibley	6,432	6,559	6,478	6,064	6,162	6,144	368	397	334	5.7	6.1	5.2
Waseca	9,438	10,080	9,316	9,002	9,588	8,889	436	492	427	4.6	4.9	4.6
Watonwan	6,671	6,626	6,389	6,444	6,375	6,139	227	251	250	3.4	3.8	3.9
Region 10	243,146	243,677	238,635	232,854	234,136	229,646	10,292	9,541	8,989	4.2	3.9	3.8
Dodge	9,004	9,318	8,866	8,527	8,872	8,444	477	446	422	5.3	4.8	4.8
Fillmore	9,560	9,653	9,909	9,100	9,157	9,438	460	496	471	4.8	5.1	4.8
Freeborn	17,234	16,950	16,880	16,301	16,059	16,226	933	891	654	5.4	5.3	3.9
Goodhue	25,510	25,854	24,390	24,535	24,814	23,493	975	1,040	897	3.8	4.0	3.7
Houston	10,273	10,194	10,185	9,915	9,777	9,838	358	417	347	3.5	4.1	3.4
Mower	19,081	19,063	19,107	18,375	18,395	18,437	706	668	670	3.7	3.5	3.5
Olmsted	67,456	67,399	66,868	64,519	65,113	64,943	2,937	2,286	1,925	4.4	3.4	2.9
City of Rochester	45,167	45,018	44,600	42,896	43,291	43,177	2,271	1,727	1,423	5.0	3.8	3.2
Rice	29,026	29,303	29,298	27,855	28,195	27,886	1,171	1,108	1,412	4.0	3.8	4.8
Steele	17,180	17,255	16,786	16,410	16,526	16,103	770	729	683	4.5	4.2	4.1
Wabasha	9,435	9,586	9,216	8,994	9,158	8,776	441	428	440	4.7	4.5	4.8
Winona	29,387	29,102	27,130	28,323	28,070	26,062	1,064	1,032	1,068	3.6	3.5	3.9
Region 11	1,349,681	1,352,326	1,348,823	1,295,642	1,294,680	1,291,122	54,039	57,646	57,701	4.0	4.3	4.3
Anoka	147,317	147,596	146,828	140,867	140,763	140,376	6,450	6,833	6,452	4.4	4.6	4.4
Carver	28,887	28,959	29,056	28,005	27,984	27,907	882	975	1,149	3.1	3.4	4.0
Dakota	169,407	169,712	169,654	163,441	163,320	162,871	5,966	6,392	6,783	3.5	3.8	4.0
Hennepin	615,387	616,882	614,452	589,401	588,964	587,345	25,986	27,918	27,107	4.2	4.5	4.4
City of Bloomington	55,382	55,417	55,532	53,443	53,403	53,257	1,939	2,014	2,275	3.5	3.6	4.1
City of Minneapolis	208,712	209,294	207,917	198,564	198,417	197,871	10,148	10,877	10,046	4.9	5.2	4.8
Ramsey	269,568	269,936	269,668	259,090	258,897	258,186	10,478	11,039	11,482	3.9	4.1	4.3
City of St. Paul	143,498	143,740	143,776	136,985	136,883	136,507	6,513	6,857	7,269	4.5	4.8	5.1
Scott	33,983	34,120	33,931	32,818	32,793	32,703	1,165	1,327	1,228	3.4	3.9	3.6
Washington	85,132	85,121	85,234	82,020	81,959	81,734	3,112	3,162	3,500	3.7	3.7	4.1
Wisconsin Counties:												
Douglas (Wisc)	20,477	20,353	20,346	19,254	18,974	19,496	1,223	1,379	850	6.0	6.8	4.2
St. Croix (Wisc)	28,019	27,682	27,855	27,200	26,903	26,886	819	779	969	2.9	2.8	3.5



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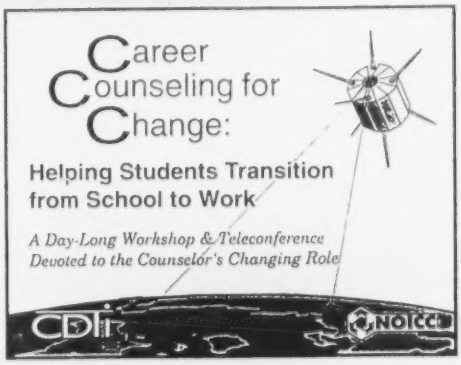

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